Intrusion of unauthorized persons at airports

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents regarding intrusion of unauthorized persons into the airports, specially Delhi Airport during the last one year;

(b) the names of the persons found responsible for intrusion of unauthorized persons into the protected area of airports alongwith the action taken against them; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make the security of airports impenetrable in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) A total number of 121 cases of intrusion/ trespass including 3 cases at IGI airport, Delhi have occurred at various airports from 1st January, 2005 till date.

(b) Except 2 cases at IGI Airport, in all the cases intruders jumped into the airport premises by scaling over the perimeter wall and were apprehended by CISF personnel. After interrogation, they were handed over to the local police for further necessary action. In 2 incidents at IGI Airport, the intruders managed to enter into the airport premises from the perimeter gate. In these cases, CISF personnel at fault HC Beer Singh, Constable Virender Singh and Sl/Exe Kapoor Singh Birman were immediately placed under suspension and dealt with departmentally for major penalty.

(c) Following are the steps taken to strengthen security at airports:-

(i) The perimeter wall of IGI airport, Delhi has been further strengthened with concertina fencing.

(ii) CISF personnel deployed at watch towers briefed to remain extra vigilant.

(iii) Patrolling and surveillance intensified, in the operational area as well as city side. Food patrolling invulnerable areas.

(iv) Surprise checks are conducted by CISF/BCAS officers to check the alertness of security staff.

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(v) The security arrangements discussed and reviewed in the monthly security meeting at all airports.

Exploration of CBM in **Damodar River Valley**

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SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal bed methane has been explored in the Demodar River Valley, from Jharkhand upto the city of Asonsol of Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there will be increase in the availability of CNG in the country after this exploration; and

(d) if so, the additional quantum of CNG estimated to be available and since when commercial production of CNG is likely to commence in this sector.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) So far, the Government has awarded 8 CBM blocks measuring an area of 1917 Sq. Km. in the Damodar River Valley under two rounds of CBM bidding out of which one block was awarded on a nomination basis. Out of these, 3 blocks are in West Bengal and 5 in Jharkhand. CBM exploration activities in six blocks are in progress. PEL is still awaited for two blocks awarded in Jharkhand. Detailed status is given in the Statement enclosed (see below).

(c) CBM largely consists of methane which is the major constituent of natural gas. Compression of such gas for supply as CNG would depend upon the quantum of natural gas available as well as the marketing strategies of the contractor. Under the CBM contracts, contractor have the freedom to market the gas in India.

(d) Commercial production of CBM is likely to start in the year 2007 in one of the 6 blocks where exploration activities are in progress. Peak production of CBM from these blocks is estimated at about 12 MMSCMD.

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